

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 Sept 68 07/2300L	2. LOCATION Aiken, South Carolina
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	All listed observers were sent 117's. As of 6 Nov 68, none were returned.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 - 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM  
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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[REDACTED], AGE 27 [REDACTED], AIKEN S.C. HOUSEWIFE,

RELIABLE, EXCELLENT CHARACTER, WIFE OF RADAR OPERATOR. (3) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AGE 16, [REDACTED], AIKEN SC, HI SCHOOL

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STUDENT, EXCELLENT CHARACTER. (4) PROFESSOR [REDACTED] I, PROFESSOR

AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AGE 50, [REDACTED] I, VIRGINIA

ACRES, AIKEN S.C. RELIABLE, EXCELLENT CHARACTER. (MILITARY) (5)

[REDACTED], SSGT, USAF SUPERVISOR, AGE 40, [REDACTED]

, AIKEN S.C. RELIABLE, EXCELLENT CHARACTER. (6) [REDACTED], 1ST

SGT, AGE: 39, [REDACTED], AIKEN SC, RELIABLE, EXCELLENT CHARACTER.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS:

(1) OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WX: CLEAR-NIGHT-FULL MOON-NO ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS. WEATHER: CLEAR, VISIBILITY: 10PLUS MILES WINDS ALOFT AT SURFACE 040DEGREES-4 KNOTS. SURFACE TEMPERATURE 68 DEGREES DEW POINT 59 DEGREES. (2) REPORT FROM 2AD AWS:

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN KNOTS
6,000 FEET	75 DEGREES	10 KNOTS
10,000 FEET	3 DEGREES	4 KNOTS
16,000 FEET	245 DEGREES	13 KNOTS
20,000 FEET	245 DEGREES	15 KNOTS

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30,000 FEET	265 DEGREES	35 KNOTS
50,000 FEET	275 DEGREES	26 KNOTS
80,000 FEET	270 DEGREES	10 KNOTS

(3) CEILING: HI SCATTERED. (4) VISIBILITY: 10 MILES. (5) CLOUD COVER:

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SCATTERED. (6) NO THUNDERSTOMS (7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT:

ALITUDE	DEGREES
6,000 FEET	PLUS 12
10,000 FEET	PLUS 8
16,000 FEET	MINUS 4
20,000 FEET	MINUS 13
0,000 FEET	MINUS 7
50,000 FEET	MINUS 68
80,000 FEET	MINUS 60

H. ASTRONIMICAL ACTIVITY: NONE I. NO INTERCEPT MADE J. (1) CHECKED WITH SAVANAH RIVER PLANT FOR POSSIBLE LAUCH OF BALLONS-NONE LAUNCHED LAST NIGHT. (2) CHECKED WITH SHAW AIR FORCE BASE WING COMMAND POST AND BASE OPERATIONS FOR POSSIBLE NIGHT FLYING-NONE (3) NO COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FROM COLUMBIA S.C. AIRPORT, AUGUSTA AIRPORT IN THE GENERAL DIRECETION OF FLIGHT OF THE UFO SIGHTING. K. UFO OFFICER: JAMES V.

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SNOWDEN, MSGT, 861 ST RADAR SQUADRON, AIKEN S.C., 648-1341  
EXT-247, 648-1102 HOME PHONE. COMMENTS: PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF  
POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTINGS WERE A POSSIBLE STAR OR DC-9 THAT  
FLYS FROM COLUMBIA AIRPORT TO ATLANTA GEORGIA. HOWEVER IN ACCORD7  
ANCE WITH AFR80-17 AND CHANGE NO. 80-17A, A PERSONAL INVESTIGATION  
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WAS INITIATED BY THE UFO OFFICER. EACH OF THE SIX PERSONS CONCERNED  
WAS PERSONALLY CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED. ALL WERE EXPLICIT, CONCISE,  
LUCID, RELIABLE, COMPETENT AND ALL HAD A KNOWLEDGE OF CENTURY TYPE  
AIRCRAFT, SPACE SATELLITES, BALLOOF , FLASHING LIGHTS, WING TIP AND  
TAIL LIGHTS OF AIRCRAFT. THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES WERE CONTACTED  
TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAD ANY FLYING OR LAUNCHING OF BALLOONS DUR-  
ING THIS PERIOD: SHAW ARFB, WING COMMAND POST AND BASE OPERATIONS,  
AKRON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AUGUSTA AIRPORT, COLUMBIA AIRPORT, SAVANAH  
RIVER PLANT: THERE WAS NO FLYING OR LAUNCH OF BALLOONS DURING THIS  
PERIOD. BEACUSE OF THE VARIED BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE OF THE OB-  
SERVERS, I FEEL THEY ARE COMPETENT, RELIABLE OBSERVERS; THAT  
SINCE NO CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT OR AERIAL OBJECTS CAN ACCOUNT FOR  
THE SIGHTING-THIS IS AN UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PJENOMENA. THREE (3)  
OF THE OBSERVERS IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS DESCRIBED THE SIGHT-

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ING IN THE SAME WAY. THERE WAS NO, RADAR PICK UP OF THE OBJECTS THAT COULD BE ASCERTAINED. SHOULD A SIMILAR INCIDENT OCCUR IN THIS VICINITY, I FEEL FUTHER INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED.

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

TDPT (UFO)

SUBJECT: UFO Observation, 7 September 1968

*30 days to 8*

TO:

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Aiken, South Carolina 29801

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office  
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AF Form 117 w/envelope

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[REDACTED]  
Aiken, South Carolina 29801

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TO: [REDACTED]

Virginia Acres  
Aiken, S C 29801

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[REDACTED]  
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ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XOP-2, XOX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (13)  
SMB B027PTTUZYUW RUCLEDK0001 2532600-UUUU--RUEFHQA.

ZNR UUUUU

P 081700Z SEP 68

FM 861 RADAR SQUADRON AIKEN AFS SC

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUCLEDA/32AD/320DC GUNTER AFB ALA

RUEDFIF/FDT WPAFB/TDETR

RUEDFQA/CASF/AFRDC

RUEDFQA/OSAF

RUEFHQA/SAF-OI

RUEDMAA/1ST AF/1ST AF ODC/STEWART AFB NY

BT

UNCLAS 8610DC SEP 68. SUBJ: UFO SIGHTING. AT APPROXIMATELY 08/0315Z  
OR 2300 LOCAL THE 861ST RADAR SQUADRON AT AIKEN AFS, S.C. RECEIVED  
OVER THIRTY (30) CALLS, (6) SIX PEOPLE IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES. THE REST  
REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BUT INSISTED ON REPORTING THE SIGHTING  
AND ASKING WHAT IT WAS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR80-17 AND CHANCE 80-17A,  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED. A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT;  
3 SAID ROUND/3 SAID OBLONG. (2) SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT OR ORANGE HELD  
AT ARMS LENGTH. (3) FIREY RED THAN ORANGE-THAN-WHITE-THAN FIREY RED

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AGAIN. (4) FROM 1 TO 4 AT DIFFERENT PARTS OF AIKEN. (5) NONE. HOWEVER  
ONE SIGHTING WAS REPORTED AS: (A RED CENTER WITH 24 LITTLE LIGHTS

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AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE RED CENTER. (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NONE (9)  
NONE B. DESCRIPTION: OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) LOOKED UP DUE TO ALTITUDE  
AND COLOR OF OBJECTS UNUSUAL. (2) 45 DEGREES. (3) 45 DEGREES AND 90  
DEGREES. (4) 2 PATHS: 1ST: OBJECTS JOINED, SEPERATED, ONE STATIONARY  
THE OTHER ERRATIC, THEN JOINED THE STATIONARY OBJECT. 2ND: 1 OBJECT  
HOVERED FOR A SHORT TIME THAN TOOK OFF RAPIDLY TOWARD THE HORIZON. (5)  
INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE NORTH EAST, (6) FROM 4-10 MINUTES. E. MANNER  
OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) TSGT GREEN, SSGT ERGLE, THOMAS  
RUSSELL ERGLE USED BINOCULARS. (3) N/A D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 08/0315Z OR 2300 LOCAL. (2) NIGHT-CLEAR-FULL MOON. E. LOCATION OF  
OBSERVERS: [REDACTED] 575 MINUTES NORTH FROM DOWNTOWN AIKEN S.C. ;

TSGT L.C. GREEN-5MILES NORTH OF SAVANAH RIVER PLANT; SSGT

HARVEY L. ERGLE71 MILE MORTH WEST OF AIKEN COUNTY HOSPITAL; MRS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]-2MILES SOUTHWEST OF DOWNTOWN AIKEN; PROFESSOR [REDACTED]

5MILES SOUTH EAST OF AIKEN S.C. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSER-

VERS: (1) (CIVILIANS): [REDACTED], AGE 7, [REDACTED] AIKEN  
S.C. RELIABLE, ELECTRICIAN AT THE SAVANAH RIVER PLANT. (2) MRS